



REPORT
ON
SUCCESS STORY
OF
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS-
APPDA MITRA
DURING FLOOD 2019

Making Available “HELP AT HAND”

Aapda Mitra Community Volunteers training handling emergency management as first responders:

Assam State Disaster Management Authority in Collaboration with District Disaster Management Authority Kamrup Metro & Jorhat and Central Training Institute of Civil Defence, Assam trained 403 Community Volunteers from Kamrup Metro & Jorhat District (200 each) under the aegis of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The volunteers were imparted 12 days residential training on standardised Search & Rescue Operation, First-Aid , Community Mobilisation, preparation of improvised equipments and techniques etc. with the objective of making localised basic expert services during emergencies like flood at the community level.

FEW GLIMPSES OF THE TRAINING:



Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) has initiated to upscale the state level AAPDA MITRA training for community volunteers and targeted to train 1150 volunteers of 23 districts of Assam with the State's own resources. So far ASDMA in collaboration with District Disaster Management Authorities Kamrup and Cachar

has completed the training programme for three districts viz. Kamrup, Cachar and Biswanth districts. Remaining districts are being covered by the end of current financial year.

FEW GLIMPSES OF THE STATE LEVEL AAPDA MITRA TRAININGS:



1. AAPDA MITRA VOLUNTEERS are highly useful in emergency like floods- a brief report from Kamrup and Biswanath district.

The AAPDA MITRA volunteers of Kamrup district recently trained by the Fire & Emergency Services in collaboration with ASDMA & DDMA, Kamrup were engaged by the district administration of Kamrup in the recent flood which affected Hajo Revenue Circle. On 12th July, 2019, an embankment of Puthimari river breached at Monahkuchi Kachuarbori at around 3.30 pm. District Administration Kamrup mobilized the Fire & Emergency Services, based at Hajo equipped with a motorized rubber boat. The NDRF team from Changsari Camp was also called in. AAPDA MITRA volunteers were called in to assist the SDRF in the rescue and evacuation operations. Involving the AAPDA MITRA volunteers were of great help as they were able to guide the SDRF and NDRF rescue teams to the exact locations where the people were marooned and bring them back to safety. The AAPDA MITRA volunteers also assisted in the transportation and carrying as well as fitting the OBM machines of the SDRF and NDRF teams. In the future ASDMA intends to involve the entire trained up AAPDA Mitra volunteers in similar operations related to disaster events.



2. DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF MATERIALS :

Services of AAPDA MITRA Volunteers were also utilised by District Administration in Biswanath district in distribution of relief materials among the marooned people. The volunteers visited the relief camps in Biswanath district and rendered voluntary services to the administration.

